

REMARKS

Claims 4-20, 23-28, 30-32, 34-38, 44 and 45 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 23, 25-28 and 34-36 are amended and Claim 24 is cancelled, thereby leaving Claims 4-20, 30-32, 37, 38, 44 and 45 unchanged.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 4-20 30-32, 44 and 45 and the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 27 and 35-38.

Claims 23-26, 28 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,074,044.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended allowable dependent claim 36 into independent form including the base claim and any intervening claims, cancelled rejected Claim 24, and amended the dependency of Claims 23, 25-28 and 34-36 to depend from allowable independent Claim 36.

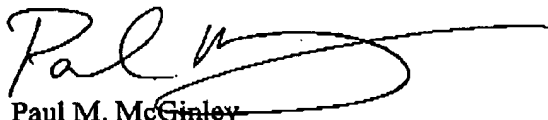
By this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled the rejected subject matter, thereby leaving only allowed claims pending in the present application. Accordingly, the present application is in a condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the cancelled claims in one or more continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 4-20, 23, 25-28, 30-32, 34-38, 44 and 45 are respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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